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TO: WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICIALS

SUBJECT: New Package Inspection Procedure

The National Conference on Weights and Measures adopted the Fourth Edition of Handbook 133 "Checking the Net Contents of Packaged Goods", during its annual meeting in July, 2001. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 12211, this document will be automatically adopted by reference into the California Code of Regulations on January 1, 2002, replacing the older edition and supplements currently in use.

The Fourth Edition contains package inspection procedures that are significantly different from the current procedures. The Quantity Control Program Manual and Package Inspection Report (PIR) forms have been revised and will be available soon. However, the computerized PIR, which was distributed by the Division to sealers statewide, will become obsolete January 1, 2002. Until a new electronic version of the PIR is available from the Division, sealers will have to rely on handwritten forms and manual calculations, or suitable software obtained from another source, for determining package net quantity compliance.

Your Area Quantity Control Specialist will be contacting you shortly to arrange training in the new package inspection procedures and to distribute reference material and forms. Please contact your Area Quantity Control Specialist or Brett Saum, Program Supervisor, at (916) 229-3047 if you have questions or need assistance.

Sincerely,

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